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SUBJECT: CENTRAL AFRICAN LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY

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1. AT REQUEST OF CLIFFORD JONES OF LAS VEGAS, EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA AND GOCAR DIRGEN OF LIVESTOCK ANDRE GOMBAKO COPIES OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN JONES AND IBRD OFFICIALS WHICH DISCLOSE THAT IBRD HAS DECLINED TO FINANCE JONES' LIVESTOCK AND FARMING PROJECT IN THE CAR. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH GOMBAKO, WHO COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF IBRD DECISION.

2. GOMBAKO STATED THAT IBRD DECISION WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. HE RECOGNIZED VALIDITY OF IBRD RESERVATIONS ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS, INCLUDING INAPPLICABILITY OF US BREEDS AND METHODS TO CAR, ESPECIALLY IN SUSCEPTIBILITY OF CATTLE TO DISEASE. GOMBAKO ALSO STATED THAT THE HIGH PROFIT REATRIATION TO THE US WAS PROBABLY AN UNEXPRESSED CONCERN OF IBRD OFFICIALS. HE INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH GOCAR MIGHT SEEK RECONSIDERATION OF PROJECT BY IBRD, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING, INCLUDING FIRST ARABIAN

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CORPORATION, WERE BEING SOUGHT.

3. ACCORDING TO GOMBAKO GOCAR CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IN SUBJECT PROJECT BECAUSE IT WOULD IMPROVE THE OVERALL BREEDING MIXTURE AND GRAZING PRACTICES IN THE CAR AND WOULD BRING CATTLE PRODUCTION TO THE LEVEL WHERE ECONOMIES OF SCALE COULD BE REALIZED IN MEAT PROCESSING.

FYI: CLOSING OF CHADIAN BORDER TO MOVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK TO CAR WOULD THEORETICALLY BE A FURTHER REASON FOR CAR INTEREST IN PROJECT, BUT OBSERVERS IN BOUAR TELL US CHADIAN CONTROLS COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE GOCAR HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INFORMED OF IBRD DECISION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE IBRD OFFICIALS SUGGESTING THAT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BE SENT TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA.
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